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HOMICIDE 1650 WEST VALENCIA ***UPDATE – MAY 9, 2012***

The male victim related to this incident has been identified as **25-year old Jeremy Wagner**. Next of kin have been notified. Detectives have continued working to determine the sequence of events that led up to the shooting incident and ultimately resulted in the death of Mr. Wagner. They were able confirm that Mr. Wagner and another male engaged in a physical confrontation during which a gun was discharged. At least one bullet struck Mr. Wagner, who succumbed to his injuries while at the scene and was pronounced deceased. The other male involved in the physical altercation was interviewed, as were a number of additional witnesses. At this time, no arrest has been made, as investigators continue examining the evidence and evaluating the statements provided by witnesses at the scene.

Sergeant Maria Hawke – May 9, 2012

At approximately 9:31 p.m. on May 8, 2012, the Tucson Police Department received numerous 911 calls indicating that a **shooting incident** had occurred in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart store located at **1650 West Valencia**. Officers from Operations Division South responded to the area, arriving in the parking lot within approximately 5 minutes of their original dispatch. Upon arrival, the officers encountered a large group of people in the eastern area of the parking lot. They also discovered that there was an adult male, described as a **25-year old Caucasian male**, who was on the ground and appeared to be suffering from at least one gunshot wound. Tucson Fire Department emergency medical personnel responded to the scene. However, the male succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Next of kin have not yet been notified.

Detectives from the Homicide Unit and Night Detectives Unit responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. The initial information that police personnel received indicated that two groups of unrelated individuals engaged in a verbal altercation just before 9:30 p.m. on May 8, 2012 in the eastern portion of the parking lot. At one point, the verbal altercation escalated to a physical confrontation between two males, one from each group. The deceased male victim had been involved in the physical fight. Also, one male, who had been physically fighting, had a gun. The gun was discharged at least one time, striking the male victim. The other male that had been involved in the physical altercation was described as a **20-year old Hispanic male**. Immediately after the gun was fired, the Hispanic male began running

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eastbound across South Midvale Park Road. However, he was later apprehended a short distance away without incident when he encountered a security guard in a nearby apartment complex. At this time, it is believed that all parties involved in the incident are accounted for and have been detained or are otherwise present with police personnel. Additionally, the gun that was discharged during the course of the incident was also believed to have been recovered.

Detectives continue working to determine the motive for the shooting and the sequence of events that led up to it. Additional details concerning the incident may be released when they become available.

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